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SUBJ: POSSIBLE AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT

1. PLANNING FOR ANOTHER AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IS AGAIN PROCEED-
ING. ARAB HEADS OF STATE AT RABAT ENDORSED THE IDEA OF ANOTHER ARAB
SUMMIT "IN PRINCIPLE" BUT UNTIL RECENTLY WE HERE HAD THOUGHT
LITTLE WAS HAPPENING.

2. NOW SEVERAL OF MY ARAB COLLEAGUES INDICATE ACTION IS UNDERWAY.
REPORTEDLY SEVERAL DIFFERENT TEAMS OF ARAB FONMINS WILL SOON SEP-
ARATELY VISIT AFRICAN CAPITALS IN EFFORT DETERMINE IF SATIS-
FACTORY AGENDA CAN BE PUT TOGETHER. UNDERSTANDABLY, ARABS ARE LEERY
OF JUST ONE MORE DISCUSSION OF OIL AND AID. THEY APPARENTLY WILL
BE LOOKING AT POSSIBILITIES FOR EXTENDING POLITICAL COOPERATION
AND EXPLORING NEW LIAISON MECHANISMS BETWEEN OAU AND ARAB
LEAGUE. REPORTEDLY THE SECRETARY GENERALS OF THESE TWO ORGANI-
ZATIONS ARE ALREADY IN CLOSE TOUCH.

3. ANOTHER QUESTION BEING EXPLORED IS LOCUS FOR MEETING. ALTHOUGH
NEXT OAU PRESIDENT IS GENERAL AMIN WHICH AUTOMATICALLY MAKES
KAMPALA A LEADING CONTENDER, ARAB DIPLOMATS HERE SEE KINSHASA
AS MORE LIKELY MEETING PLACE. IT IS BELIEVED MOBUTU WOULD STILL
LIKE TO HOST SUCH A MEETING, HIS REPUTATION IS MUCH BETTER THAN
AMIN'S, AND PHYSICAL FACILITIES HERE ARE REASONABLY GOOD.

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4. DEPT MAY WISH ALERT AND/OR QUERY POSTS IN OAU/ARAB STATES.

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